



LAC-IEE-04-21

## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

**Activity Location** : Peru

**Activity Title** : Good Start (Buen Inicio) continuation

**Activity Number** : 527-0381

**Funding** :

Original Amount	\$3,200,000
Amendment 1	\$ 400,000
Amendment 2	\$ 185,000
Amendment 3	\$1,800,000
Total	\$5,585,000

**Life of Project** : 9 years (1998-2007)

**IEE Prepared by** : Elvira C. de Varillas, USAID/Peru

**Recommended Threshold Decision** : Categorical Exclusion

**Bureau Threshold Decision** : Concur with Recommendation

**Comments** :

This IEE amends LAC-IEE-01-52 to reflect an increase in LOA funding.

Pursuant to 22 CFR 216.2(c)(2)(i) and (viii), a **Categorical Exclusion** is issued to activities involving education, technical assistance and training that will not have an impact on the environment; and to programs involving nutrition, health care or population and family planning services.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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## INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION

Activity Location: Peru  
Activity Title: Good Start (Buen Inicio) -Amendment No. Three  
Activity Number: 527-0381  
Funding: Original Amount: \$3,200,000  
Amendment One: \$ 400,000  
Amendment Two: \$ 185,000  
Amendment Three: \$1 ~800~000 Total  
\$5,585,000

Life of Project: Nine Years (1998 —2007)  
IEE prepared by: Elvira C. de Varillas

### Background

The purpose of this Activity is to reduce chronic malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies in targeted pen-urban and rural communities in Peru.

The project was authorized on September 21, 1998 and amended on September~29, 2001. Prior to authorization, an Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) was prepared by the Mission Environmental Officer in accordance with USAID Environmental Procedures set forth in Title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 216.2(c) (viii) for this Activity. The LAC Chief Environmental Officer (CEO) approved the IEE on September 24, 1998 (LAC-IEE-98-45) recommending a categorical exclusion for this activity. Subsequently on September 20, 2001 the Bureau Environmental Officer approved IEE-UI -52 recommending a categorical exclusion for Amendment No. One.

This Amendment No. Three will increase the Life of Activity funding from \$3,785,000 to \$5,585,000 and will extend the Activity Assistance Completion Date (AACD) to September 30, 2007. The purpose of this amendment is to expand the following original activities:

- > Supply of iron supplement for high risk children
- ~ Supply of iron supplements to increase pregnant women coverage
- ~ Logistic management
- > Service delivery system close to the communities
  - > Adequate training of all levels of personnel
  - ~ Inter-personal counseling and follow-up of beneficiaries
  - > Mobilization of community promoters for monitoring support
  - > Information, education and communication materials for health care providers and beneficiaries
  - > Appropriate evaluation and impact assessment
  - ~ Advocacy at the MoH level to secure commitment, allocation of resources and appropriate policy development.

The activities to be financed under this amendment will be implemented through an amendment of the Grant Agreement with UNICEF.

#### Recommended Threshold Decision:

It is recommended that a categorical exclusion be approved for the activities to be financed under Amendment nr~e, since they will encompass the same type of interventions covered by the original IEE and Threshold Decisions Nos. LAC-IEE-98-45, and LAC-IEE-O1-52 and that fall within the classes of actions described in Section 216.2, paragraphs c(1) (i) and c(2) (viii) Categorical Exclusions.

#### Section 216.2c(1) (i)

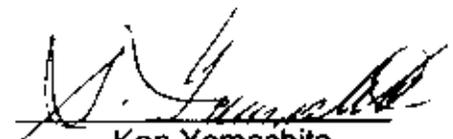
The action does not have an effect of the natural or physical environment.

#### Section 216.2c(2)(viii)

Programs involving nutrition, health care or population and family planning services except to the extent designed to include activities directly affecting the environment (such as construction of facilities, water supply systems, waste water treatment, etc.)

  
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Mission Environmental Officer

Date: 03/23/04

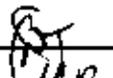
  
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